



# WASHOE COUNTY

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Other N/A

## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE: September 23, 2014**

**DATE:** August 29, 2014  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a CC-213 Recertification form for the Community  
Rating System Annual Recertification Submittal to the National Flood Insurance  
Program for a continued reduction in local flood insurance policy premiums.  
(All Commission Districts.)

### SUMMARY

Washoe County began participating in the Community Rating System (CRS) in October 2008. The CRS allows communities to provide additional protection to properties in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplains in exchange for reductions in flood insurance premiums. This item requests authorization for the Chairman to sign the CRS recertification submittal for a continued 15% reduction in flood insurance premiums for Washoe County residents that have flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

July 9, 2013 – The Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved the CRS Five-Year Cycle review submittal to the NFIP, which replaced the annual CRS recertification.

September 11, 2012 – The Board approved the CRS recertification submittal to the NFIP.

October 11, 2011 – The Board approved the CRS recertification submittal to the NFIP.

November 9, 2010 – The Board approved the CRS recertification submittal to the NFIP.

October 13, 2009 – The Board approved the CRS recertification submittal to the NFIP.

May 27, 2008 – The Board approved the CRS application to the NFIP.

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## **BACKGROUND**

The NFIP allows communities which provide additional protection to properties in the FEMA floodplains the opportunity to apply for reductions in flood policy premiums. The community is given points for efforts which exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. The points are awarded in 20 different areas which range from Floodplain Map Information to Open Space Preservation to Flood Warning Program, to name a few.

In October 2008, Washoe County was notified by NFIP that the County's CRS rating was determined to be Class 7 which allows for a 15% reduction on flood insurance premiums. The reductions became effective May 1, 2009. In 2013, the Washoe County CRS program was reviewed in the five-year cycle to re-determine the CRS rating. This review replaced the annual recertification. The CRS rating was again approved at Class 7. The County now continues to recertify the program annually to document that it continues to provide the additional protection to properties in the FEMA floodplains. Community Services staff prepared the recertification submittal and continues to work with a NFIP/CRS Specialist to provide additional protection and programs which will ensure the flood insurance policy holders receive a continued reduction in premiums.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

No funds will be expended from the Washoe County General Fund. However, the flood insurance policy holders in Washoe County will receive a reduction in their premiums totaling approximately \$100,000 if the County maintains a CRS Class 7 designation.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve a CC-213 Recertification form for the Community Rating System Annual Recertification Submittal to the National Flood Insurance Program for a continued reduction in local flood insurance policy premiums.

## **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve a CC-213 Recertification form for the Community Rating System Annual Recertification Submittal to the National Flood Insurance Program for a continued reduction in local flood insurance policy premiums."

Community Washoe County State NV CID 320019  
County Washoe

## COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION

### CC-213 Recertification

Date		
If there are any changes or corrections to the information below, please cross out the old item and write in the correction.		
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I hereby certify that Washoe County is continuing to implement the activities on the attached pages as credited under the Community Rating System and described in our original application to the CRS and subsequent modifications.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, we are maintaining in force all flood insurance policies that have been required of us as a condition of federal financial assistance for insurable buildings owned by us and located in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) shown on our Flood Insurance Rate Map. I further understand that disaster assistance for any community-owned building located in the SFHA is reduced by the amount of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) flood insurance coverage (structure and contents) that a community should be carrying on the building, regardless of whether the community is carrying a policy.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chief Executive Officer)